

The VacSeen Project

2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT

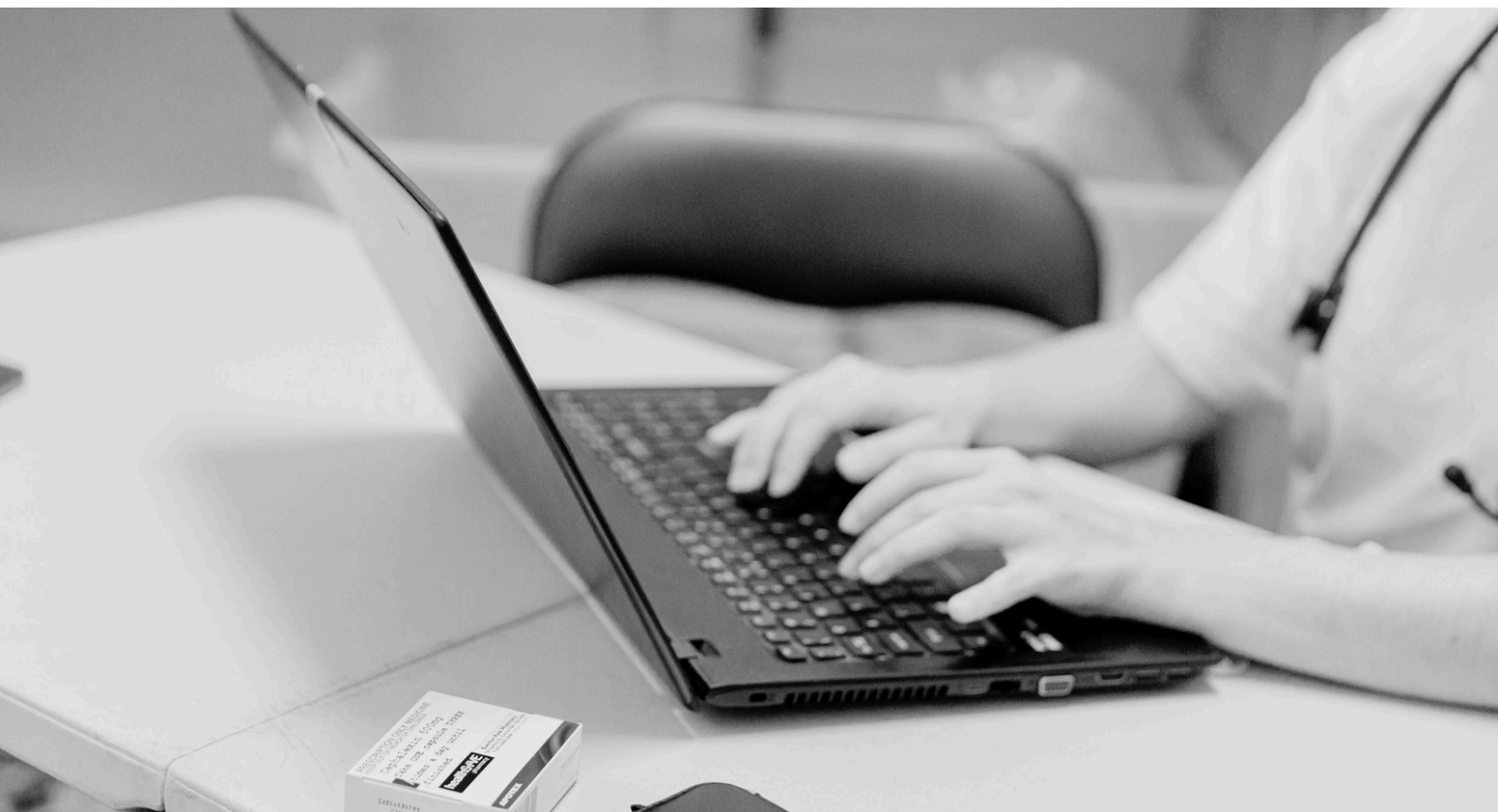


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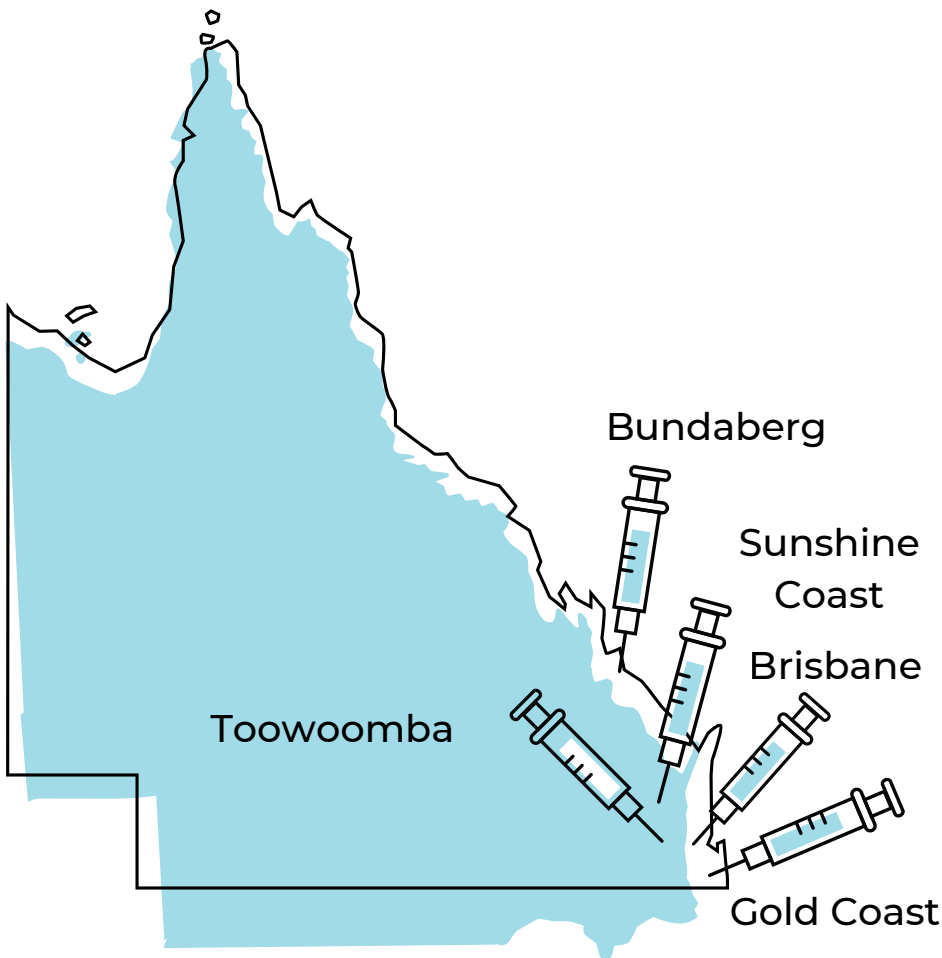
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The VacSeen Project acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia. We particularly acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, on whose land our work is primarily based. We pay our respects to elders past and present.



1.0 OUR IMPACT: A SNAPSHOT

1.1 OUR REACH



56



Primary care clinics
At six different locations across Queensland

247



Consultations with patients experiencing homelessness

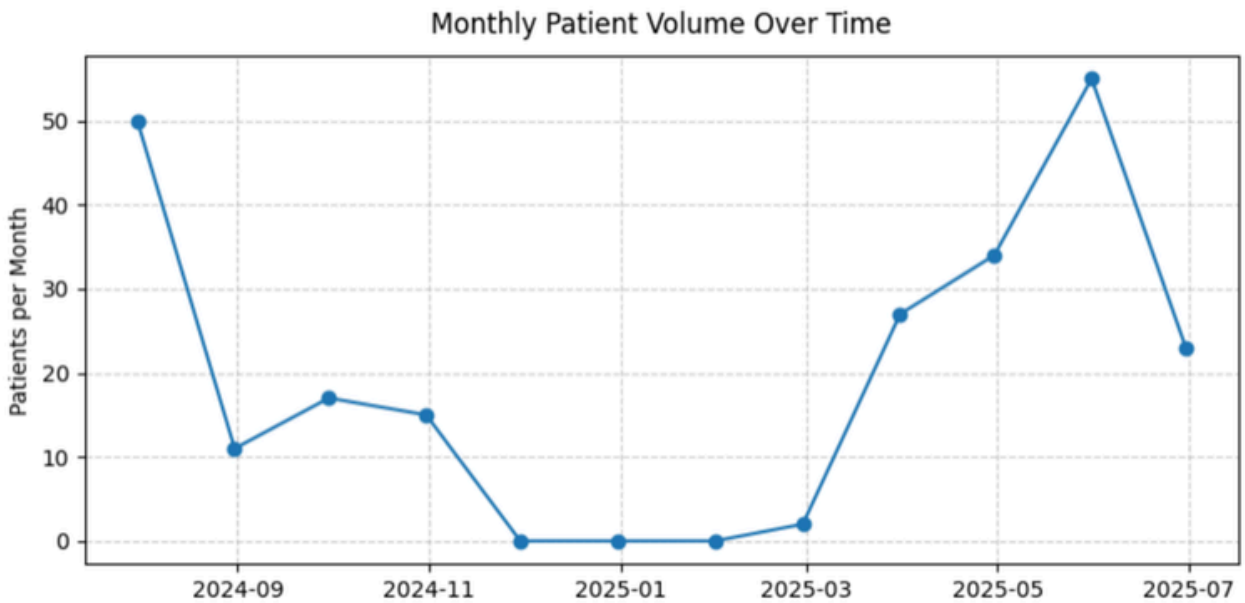
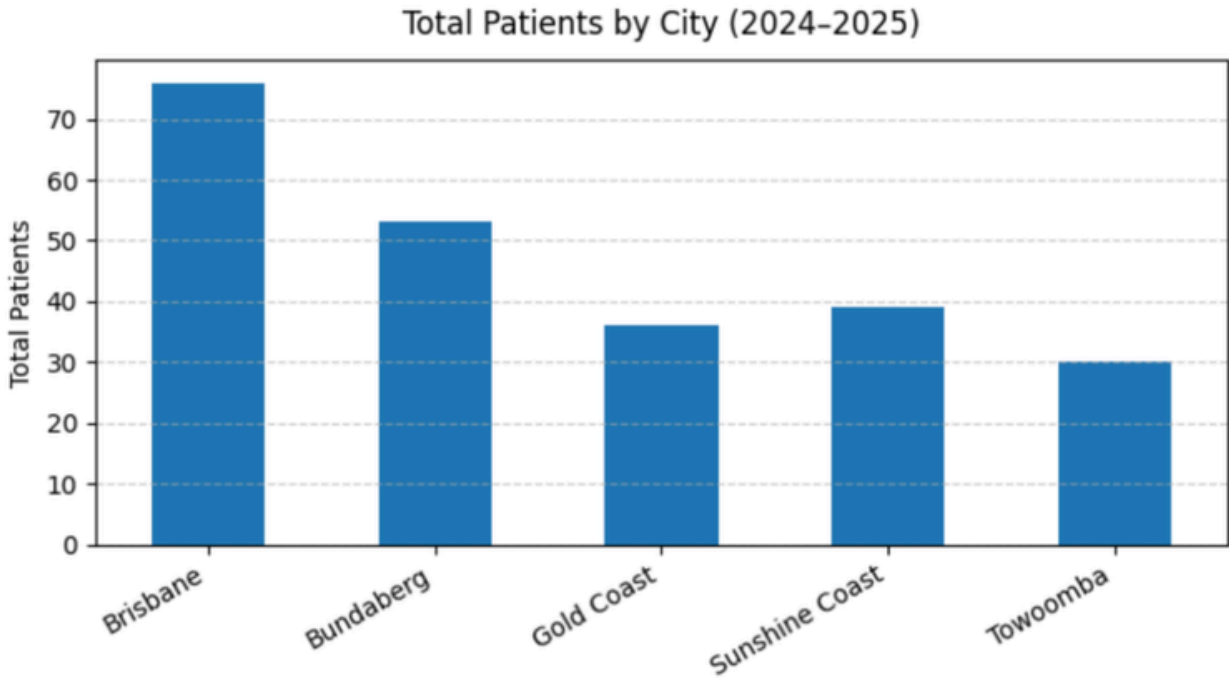
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Active volunteers
Across clinical, media, and grants management spaces

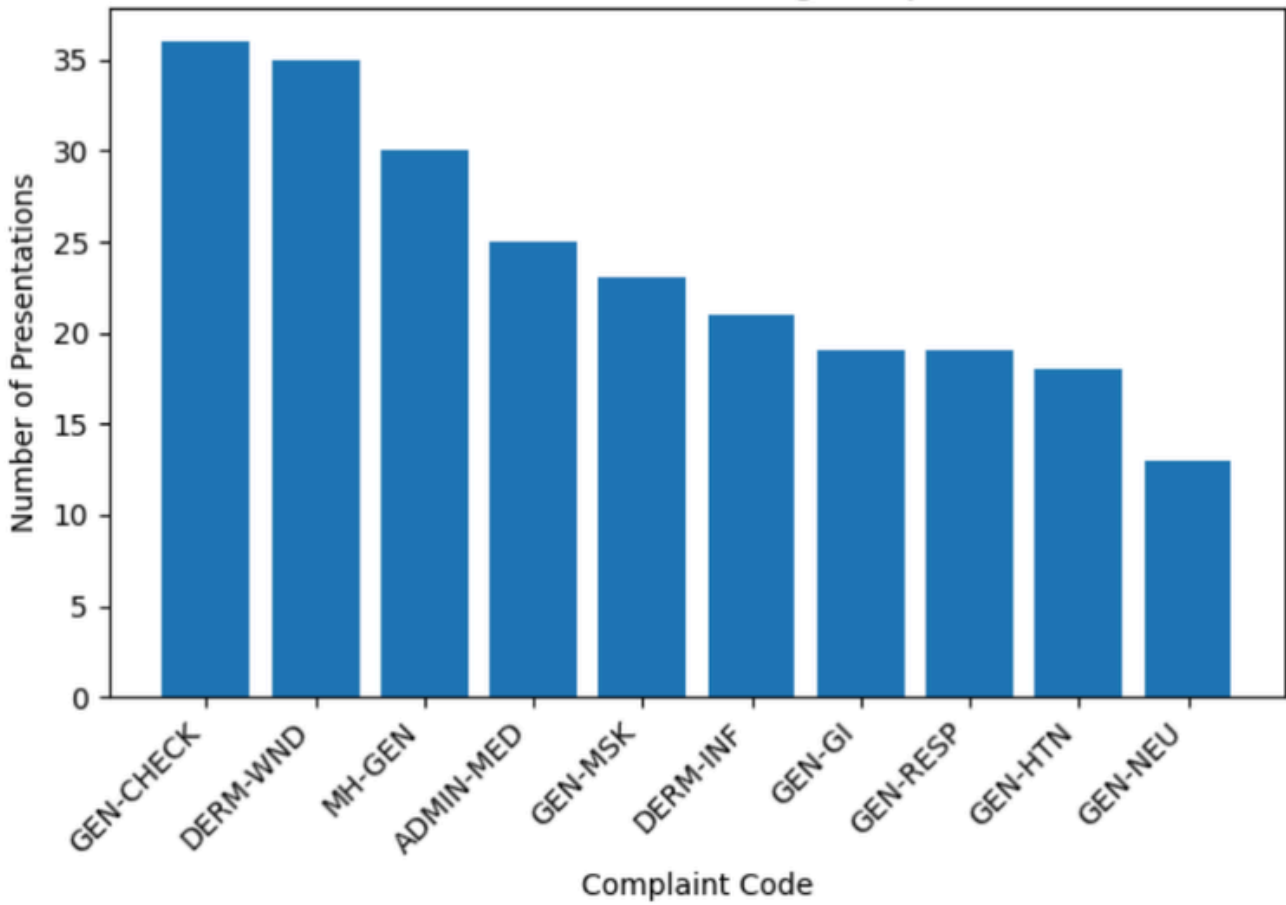


1.2 OUR PATIENTS



Note: Clinics were closed during December–January, accounting for reduced patient volumes during this period.

Most Common Presenting Complaints

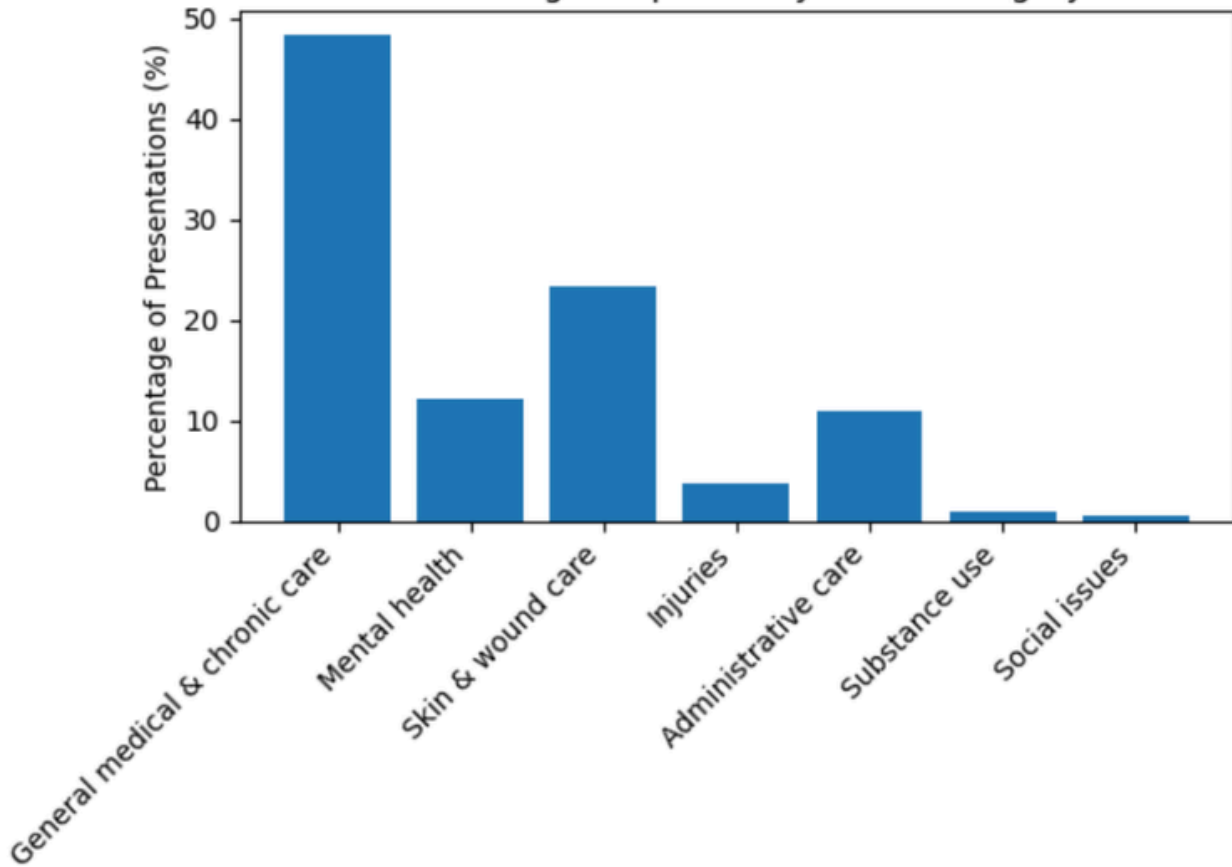


KEY

GEN CHECK	General health check
DERM WND	Wound care
MH GEN	Mental health
ADMIN MED	Script re-fill
GEN MSK	Musculoskeletal

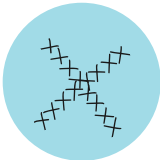
DERM INF	Skin infection
GEN GI	Gastrointestinal
GEN RESP	Respiratory
GEN HTN	Hypertension
GEN NEU	Neurological

Presenting Complaints by Broad Category



Primary care

Nearly half of all presentations (48%) were for general medical or chronic care, highlighting unmet primary care needs.



Skin and wound care

Skin and wound care issues regularly presented, reflecting barriers to hygiene and early treatment.



Mental health

Mental health concerns (12%) were common, particularly requests for counselling and general psychological support.



Administrative care

Administrative care (11%) (scripts, referrals, follow-up) is a significant and necessary component of service delivery.



Substance use

Substance use and social issues were infrequently coded, potentially reflecting limited disclosure in this population rather than necessarily low prevalence.

2.0 OUR VISION

'Accessible, high-quality health care for all.'

2.1 OUR PURPOSE

- 1 Providing preventative health care services and treatment free of charge.
- 2 Establishing innovative programs and models for delivering health care, particularly in non-traditional spaces.
- 3 Collaborating and providing ongoing support to community members and organisations assisting in the provision of health care services.

2.0 OUR VALUES

Respect

Treat people with dignity, pursue equity and act with compassion

Meaningful Change

Evidence-based innovation

Community

Build connections, combat isolation and find common goals

High-quality care

Safe, patient-centred and convenient care

2.0 CEO REPORT

Varun Karnik, co-founder and CEO, reflects on The VacSeen Project's last 12 months and what lies ahead.

As another year closes on the VacSeen Project, we are proud and grateful for the impact we have had in 2025. Since our inception in 2020, our mission has been to provide accessible, high-quality healthcare to people experiencing homelessness across Queensland. We deliver this care through pop-up health clinics in non-traditional settings — bringing support directly to those who need it most, in a way that is approachable and inclusive.

In 2025, we held over 56 primary care clinics across six locations, providing consults for approximately 250 patients experiencing homelessness. Coordinated by medical students, these clinics are situated in community areas alongside other services, effectively bringing healthcare to the homeless population in a trusted setting. Senior clinicians volunteered their time to provide primary care treatment, wound care, chronic disease management and simple prescriptions. Most importantly, our volunteers offered general health counselling and assisted patients experiencing homelessness in navigating and re-integrating into the wider healthcare system.

This year, we streamlined our clinic workflows, added new equipment and introduced new volunteers to our team.



Of particular note was the increased involvement of hospital registrars within our clinics, providing mid-level doctors with valuable experience working with marginalised communities, teaching medical students, and engaging with patients in settings outside the traditional hospital environment.

Further, we were able to forge new community partnerships to enhance the quality of care for people experiencing homelessness. We developed a closer working relationship with Micah Projects, including the establishment of a joint clinic run collaboratively each Monday, strengthening coordination and continuity of care for the Brisbane homeless community. We also held over 25 mental health clinics in Brisbane, in conjunction with Brisbane North Psychologists and particularly Keri Okanik. These clinics provided individual mental health support for crisis intervention, and also facilitated group-based activities focused on employment readiness.

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Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to introduce new initiatives. Firstly, with funding from the Queensland Community Benefit Fund, we will launch our new 'Health Packs' program. This initiative will distribute compact health packs to people experiencing homelessness across Queensland to address immediate medical needs, mitigate early health concerns, and support dignity and self-care. Each pack will contain a range of essential health products (such as bandages, period products, dental hygiene products, sunscreen, and so on) and will be distributed at our six outreach primary care clinics.

Secondly, to engage more medical students in health advocacy and literacy, we will leverage our social media platform as an educational tool. This program will produce two types of content: 1) clinical guidance for medical students and junior doctors when managing patients experiencing homelessness, and 2) content aimed at promoting general health literacy to the wider public.

None of our work would be possible without the dedication, enthusiasm, and work-ethic of our volunteers. We are immensely grateful for their contributions. I would also like to thank our donors and community partners, whose support and guidance has been invaluable since our inception.

Working with the VacSeen Project, I am constantly reminded that every patient we meet carries a unique story. While we cannot solve every problem, sometimes a kind, respectful conversation with a healthcare professional can be a powerful step forward — and often, it is the most meaningful support we can provide. Thank you again for your ongoing support as we strive to build a future of accessible healthcare and healthier lives for all.

Varun Karnik
CEO and Co-Founder



4.0 OUR TEAM

4.1 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Jeff Crocombe

Local Head of Operations
Toowoomba

Jeff Crocombe is a final year UQ medical student who has been based in Toowoomba for the last two years. In 2026, he is headed to Caboolture Hospital for his internship with an ultimate goal of being a rural generalist obstetrician.

He has been a committed volunteer at our Toowoomba clinics for the past two years, including leading operations in the area as Toowoomba Local Head in 2025.

Dr Brooke Pollock is a doctor volunteering at VacSeen's Sunshine Coast clinic (based at St Peter's Church in Maroochydore). Brooke is driven by a commitment to making healthcare accessible for people who face financial and social barriers to basic medical support. That drive led her to volunteer her time with VacSeen, where she contributes her skills to a service grounded in compassion and easy to access care.

Reflecting on her time volunteering with VacSeen, Brooke emphasises the need for flexibility and empathy:

"I've learnt the importance of meeting people where they are at - understanding their circumstances, building trust, and adapting care to meet their needs in a respectful and realistic way."



Dr Brooke Pollock

Volunteer Doctor
Sunshine Coast



Dr Eimear O'Brien
Volunteer GP
Brisbane

Dr Eimear O'Brien is a GP who volunteers at VacSeen's Brisbane clinic, held at Emma Miller Place on Roma Street alongside various other street outreach services. Eimear heard about VacSeen through word of mouth and was immediately drawn to the project's mission. Eimear has valued the chance to connect with Brisbane's homeless community and help create a safe, less formal space for people to seek health care. She has found it especially rewarding to see trust grow as patients return over time, and has also appreciated learning from Micah Projects volunteers about the broader support available to marginalised groups. Eimear encourages anyone and everyone to get involved:

"I would encourage anyone to volunteer - in any capacity. Volunteering promotes social connection, helps develop empathy and understanding, and benefits the community as a whole."

4.2 OUR BOARD



Varun Karnik
Chief Executive Officer,
Director



Lili Wackwitz
Chief Financial Officer,
Director



Kaitlyn Bates
Director



Michael Fielding
Company Secretary,
Director



Hannah Bates
Director



Sophie Watson
Director



Mira Prashar
Director

5.0 OUR SPONSORS & PARTNERS

Major Funders

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust
- Brisbane Grammar School
- Brisbane Girls Grammar School
- AMAQ Foundation
- Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Bronze Sponsors

- Medical Indemnity Protection Society (MIPS)

Partners

- Robina Medical and Dental
- Toowoomba Day and Night Pharmacy
- North Brisbane Psychologists
- Jeays St Community Centre
- Tony's Community Kitchen
- Chemist Warehouse Indooroopilly
- VaxWorks Health Services
- Gold Coast PHN
- AMA Queensland
- Beddown
- Orange Sky Laundry
- Walk With Us GC
- Micah Projects



5.1 PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Walk With Us is a grassroots, volunteer-powered community organisation on the Gold Coast. Based at Burleigh Heads, Walk With Us serves free community dinners, provides emergency food hampers and offers food support services to locals, among other programs. Everything Walk With Us does is focused around the core belief that every person deserves to feel seen, safe and supported, without judgment or red tape.

Most weeks, volunteers from the VacSeen Project attend Walk With Us to run our primary care clinics. Lead by Gold Coast Local Head of Operations Anavi Prashar and enabled by the generous work of four volunteer doctors, these clinics provide an essential link to medical care for people experiencing homelessness on the Gold Coast.



Reflecting on the partnership between Walk With Us and The VacSeen Project, Co-Founder and President of Walk With Us, Nikki Luke, had this to say:

"The VacSeen Project has been a truly welcome and life changing presence for our street friends at Walk With Us. By bringing essential health services directly to those experiencing homelessness, it offers not just medical care but a powerful message of inclusion and respect. Many of our friends have shared how grateful they are to be seen, heard, and cared for—without judgment or barriers. This initiative helps build trust, improves wellbeing, and strengthens the sense of community we strive to nurture every day. We love having the team come along."

6.0 OUR FINANCIALS



The CFO and The VacSeen Project's assisting members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act 2012 and the Collections Act 1966. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The VacSeen Project Inc.'s financial statements have been prepared as required by the ACNC Act and ACNC Regulations and in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards set by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). The VacSeen Project keeps financial records in a way to properly record the associations income and expenditure, and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Comparative financial reporting from the 2023/2024 financial year indicates a 150% increase in net assets in FY25. The VacSeen Project remains in a favourable financial position as we continue to mature our capabilities. As a Board, we are grateful for the support of our volunteers, sponsors and donors in 2025. The ongoing commitment of the community will enable us to continue to grow and adapt our services to fit the needs of Queensland's homeless and vulnerable people. We look forward to what's to come in 2026.

Lili Wackwitz
CFO and Co-Founder



6.1 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Income Statement FY24-25		
Revenue	Donations	\$59,409.55
	Refunded Costs	\$14.19
Operating Expenses	Clinic Equipment - General Health	\$4,045.81
	Clinic Equipment - Mental Health	\$13,500.00
	Volunteer Travel Reimbursements	\$45.00
	Administration	\$2486.92
	Merchandise	\$885.50
Net Income		\$38,995.51

6.2 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025		
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	\$23,776.42	\$59,553.50
Total Assets	\$23,776.42	\$59,553.50
Non-current Assets		
Current/Long Term Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Net Assets	\$23,776.42	\$59,553.50
Working Capital	\$23,776.42	\$59,553.50





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